

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NEVADA STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENT**

<b>SUBJECT: CONSENT AGENDA - APPOINTMENTS TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)</b>	
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MEETING DATE: April 28, 2016

AGENDA ITEM #

NUMBER OF ENCLOSURE(S): Pgs.

**PRESENTER(S):** Marva Cleven, Director, Office of Special Education

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the State Board of Education (SBE) appoint the following nominees to fill the current vacancies on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC):

Jodee Prudente - Special Education Teacher - North  
Laura Bruni - Private Schools  
Meskerem Kassa - Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individual with Disabilities  
Daniel O’Gara - Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individual with Disabilities  
Lisa Rosas - Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individual with Disabilities  
Rosalie Woods - Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individual with Disabilities

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Federal funding covers all travel costs for SEAC members.

**BUDGET ACCOUNT (FOR PRINTING CHARGES ONLY):** 2715-04

**LENGTH OF TIME EXPECTED FOR PRESENTATION (IN MINUTES):** 5 minutes

The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) disseminated requests to interested parties for the purpose of soliciting nominations for current vacancies on the SEAC. Nominees have been recommended to serve based upon the information included in the Application for Advisory Groups, Biographical/Background Information that the nominee submits to the Department. In addition the following criteria is also taken into consideration: 1) current service in the position for which nomination is received, e.g., parent of a child with disability must have a child ages 0-26 in special education; individual with disabilities must have a disability, etc.; 2) experience and knowledge in the field of special education; 3) membership in and/or representation of a constituent group; and 4) geographical representation of the state. This information has been reviewed by the NDE staff. The following summarizes the nominations received and the NDE staff recommendations for appointments:

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities** – Four nominations were received to fill seven vacancies. The NDE recommends the appointment of Meskerem Kassa, Daniel O’Gara, Lisa Rosas, and Rosalie Woods. These nominees meet the criteria set forth in the IDEA and by the SBE. These appointments will fill new three-year terms from July 1, 2016 and will conclude June 30, 2019.

**Private Schools** - one nomination was received to fill one vacancy. The NDE recommends the appointment of Laura Bruni. Ms. Bruni meets the criteria set forth in the IDEA and by the SBE. This appointment will fill a new three-year term from July 1, 2016 and will conclude June 30, 2019.

**Special Education Teacher - North** - five nominations were received to fill one vacancy. The NDE recommends the appointment of Jodee Prudente. Ms. Prudente meets the criteria set forth in the IDEA and by the SBE. This appointment will fill a new three-year term from July 1, 2016 and will conclude June 30, 2019.

Vacancies remain for the following area: Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities (3), Special Education Administrator - South (1), and State Juvenile/Adult Corrections (1). The NDE will continue to seek nominations for representatives in this vacant area.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Marva Clevon

**Name of Group: Special Education Advisory Committee**

NAME/ADDRESS	REPRESENTATION	NOMINATED BY	COUNTY	INCUMBENT STATUS
Laura Bruni Las Vegas, NV	Private Schools	Self	Clark	Current
Toni Dodge Hawthorne, NV	Special Education Teacher- North	Shirley Gaw	Mineral	None
Heather Broderdorf Minden, NV	Special Education Teacher - North	Susan Harootunian	Douglas	None
Kristine Currier Reno, NV	Special Education Teacher - North	MaryAnn Demchak	Washoe	None
Jodee Prudente Reno, NV	Special Education Teacher - North	MaryAnn Demchak	Washoe	None
Robert Stuart Reno, NV	Special Education Teacher - North	MaryAnn Demchak	Washoe	None
Daniel O’Gara Las Vegas, NV	Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities	Joseph Holguin	Clark	None
Lisa Rosas Carson City, NV	Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities	Tammy Rieken	Carson City	None
Meskerem Kassa Henderson, NV	Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities	Shirley Gaw	Clark	None
Rosalie Woods Owyhee, NV	Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Individuals with Disabilities	Collette Wickersham	Elko	None